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NEWS RELEASE

Officer Involved Shooting at 12236 Montana

Date: 10/23/2019

Time: 10:34 PM

Location: 12236 Montana (WALMART parking lot)

Decedent: John Doe pending identification

Officer #1: 25 –year veteran with El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force

Officer #2: 25 –year veteran with El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force

EL PASO, TEXAS: On Wednesday 10/23/2019 at approximately 10:30 PM, two officers with the El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force were searching for stolen vehicles by using a mobile license plate reader. The officers were alerted to a stolen plate on a Ford Expedition, parked at 12236 Montana Ave, Walmart parking lot. The officers approached the vehicle to further investigate and located a male subject in the vehicle. The officers identified themselves as police officers and attempted to question the subject, who became irate and uncooperative. The driver of the Expedition then put the vehicle in reverse, and began to flee with the driver door open. Both officers, in their attempt to stop the fleeing subject, were dragged by the vehicle. One officer fired his weapon, striking the driver at least once. The officers were thrown from the moving vehicle as it continued through the parking lot, ultimately crashing into the exterior wall of the store. Fire Medical Services were immediately called to the scene, however, the suspect succumbed to his injuries. Both officers were taken to a local hospital, treated for non-life threatening injuries and released. Investigations into this incident are being conducted by EPPD's Crimes Against Persons Unit, the Texas Rangers and the Department's Internal Affairs Division. The involved officers have been placed on administrative leave as customary for all officer involved shootings.

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